



Transportation "Saves" Lives – FUND IT!

Let's be clear, we know that improving transportation conditions in Florida would help save lives. That's why we must increase transportation funding to make these improvements possible!

A July 2003 report from TRIP (The Road Information Program) based in Washington, D.C., showed that Florida leads the nation in deaths for older drivers. In 2001, 268 Florida drivers over the age of 70 were killed in traffic accidents in the Sunshine State.

The Florida DOT is a nationally leader in "Positive Guidance," the concept of doing a variety of things to improve driver safety for senior citizens. But there isn't nearly enough money to fund the kinds of highway improvements -- *like wider pavements, more turn lanes, and better signage & markings* -- that are needed to help make driving safer for seniors. Ironically, when we fund these common sense transportation improvements it also makes driving safer for the next most vulnerable driver demographic -- teenagers.

When 18% of our population is over the age of 65, increasing safety for older drivers, younger drivers - and for every driver - must be a top priority. It is time for THIS generation to spend more to make the driving experience safer for members of "The Greatest Generation."

That's why we at FBT will continue to focus on the positive role transportation plays in saving lives, time, money, and jobs through the new "**Transportation Saves...**" campaign. And why we need to FUND IT in the 2005 Legislative Session!

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